FCC Appeal-category change denied-Solon Springs School District

Proceedings: 02-6

Appeal for Solon Springs School District

Billed Entity Number 133441

Submitted by:

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This is an appeal of the USAC Revised Funding Commitment Decision Letter. We filed for category 2 funding, and the 471 application was approved, and we got our Funding Commitment Decision Letter. The school district proceeded with their purchases and when it came time to invoice USAC for reimbursement, we realized we had the same problem that we had on two other applications. We didn't know that there was an error on the approved form where services were filed under the wrong sub-category for firewall licensing, category 2 funding. We filed an appeal to change the sub-category, but our appeal was denied, again, because the window for filing an appeal was closed. The process to be notified by USAC of clerical errors is way past the date in which we can make the change through the appeals process. All documents mentioned are attached.

We would like to change our service to the correct sub-category and invoice USAC for this service.

Sincerely, Mary Maderich

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Funding Commitment Decision Letter

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Contact Information:

Mary Maderich

SOLON SPRINGS SCHOOL DISTRICT

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FCC Form 471: 181039073

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Application Nickname: Solon Cat2

Totals

Total Committed

133 week

\$8,638.37

Firewall

What is in this letter?

Thank you for submitting your application for Funding Year 2018 Schools and Libraries Program (E-rate) funding. Attached to this letter, you will find the funding statuses for the FCC Form(s) 471, Services Ordered and Certification Form, that you submitted and referenced above.

The Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) is providing this information to both the applicant(s) and the service provider(s) so that all parties are aware of the post-commitment changes related to their funding requests and can work together to complete the funding process for these requests.

Next Steps

- 1. Work with your service provider(s) to determine if your bills will be discounted or if you will request reimbursement from USAC after paying the full cost for the services you receive.
- 2. Review the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA) requirements and file the FCC Form 486 (Service Confirmation and CIPA Certification Form). The deadline to submit this form is 120 days from the date of this letter or from the service start date (whichever is later).



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Invoice USAC

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Notice on Rules and Funds Availability

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Funding Commitment Decision Overview

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Application Comments for FCC Form 471: #181039073

The applicant did not submit any RAL corrections.

Funding Commitment Decision Overview

Funding Request Number (FRN)	Service Provider Name	Amount Requested	Amount Committed	Status
1899075733	CDW Government LLC	\$9,240.00	\$5,489.94	Funded
1899075783	CDW Government LLC	\$3,148.43	\$3,148.43	Funded

733 (Was 13,200) (reduced) Licence (Was filed under BMIC)
783 (Appliance) (Was filed under IC-rok)

Affect 116732 - restore funding to incl.

cancelled FRN's From 2017.

File Appeal to correct category

733 Appeal BM TC filed 10/12

Appeal # 126238

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1899075733	Status Funded
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Dollars Committed			
Monthly Cost		One-time Cost	
Months of Service	12		T
Total Eligible Recurring Charges	\$0.00	Total Eligible One Time Charges	\$13,200.00
Total Pre-discount Charges Discount Rate		\$7,842.77	
		70.00%	
Committed Amount		\$5,489.94	

Dates		
Service Start Date	7/1/2018	
Contract Expiration Date	6/30/2019	
Contract Award Date	3/21/2018	
Service Delivery Deadline	9/30/2019	
Expiration Date (All Extensions)		

Service Provider and Contract Information			
Service Provider CDW Government LLC			
SPIN (498ID)	143005588		
Contract Number			
Account Number	715 378 2263		
Establishing FCC Form 470	180024368		

Consultant Information	
Consultant Name	Mary Maderich
Consultant's Employer	Cooperative Educational Service Agency 12
CRN	16062644

Funding Commitment Decision Comments

MR1: The funding request amount was reduced from \$13,200.00 to \$7,842.77 to remove the amount that exceeded the Category Two budget set for the following entity(ies): 63145 - SOLON SPRINGS SCHOOL.



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FRN	Service Type	Status
1899075783	Internal Connections	Funded
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Dollars Committed			
Monthly Cost		One-time Cost	
Months of Service	12		
Total Eligible Recurring Charges	\$0.00	Total Eligible One Time Charges	\$4,497.75
Total Pre-discount Charges Discount Rate			

Dates		
Service Start Date	7/1/2018	
Contract Expiration Date	6/30/2019	
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Funding Commitment Decision Comments

MR1: Approved as submitted.

10/12/2018 Category change - #126238 266387 = BM -> IC Records / Appeals Category change - #126238 Associated FRNs Review Inquiries Related Actions FRN 1899 075 773 -In-Review Outreach Wave Ready Committed

Appeal Information

View Status (+)

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Submitting Organization SOLON SPRINGS SCHOOL DISTRICT (BEN: 133441)

Created By Mary Maderich

Created On 10/12/2018 3:00 PM EDT

Main Contact

Name Mary Maderich

Phone Number 715-682-2363

Email marym@cesa12.org

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Frn 1899075733 for firewall licensing/software was file under Basic Maintenance and should be under Internal Connections. We would like to change the category to Internal Connections for this FRN,

Thank you,

Appeal Details

Decision appealed by applicant Funding Commitment Decision Letter

If you wish to modify or cancel your appeal, or, if you have any questions about your appeal, please contact the Erate Program's Client Service Bureau (CSB) at (888) 203-8100.

View Supporting Documentation (+)

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Revised Funding Commitment Decision Letter Funding Year 2018

Contact Information:

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Original Commitment Amount \$5,489.94

Revised Commitment Amount \$9,240.00

What is in this letter?

Thank you for submitting your post-commitment request for Funding Year 2018 Schools and Libraries Program (E-rate) funding. Attached to this letter, you will find the revised funding statuses and/or post commitment changes to the original Funding Commitment Decision Letter (FCDL) you received. Below are the changes that were made:

Appeals

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File the FCC Form 486, Service Confirmation and Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA)
 Certification Form, for any FRNs included in this RFCDL, if you have not already done so. Please
 review the CIPA requirements and file the form(s).



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 If USAC approved funding on an FRN in your original FCDL, the deadline to submit the FCC Form 486 is 120 days from the date of the original FCDL or from the service start date (whichever is later).

- o If a new FRN was created for this RFCDL or funding was not approved on an FRN in your original FCDL but is approved in this RFCDL, the deadline to submit the FCC Form 486 is 120 days from the date of this RFCDL or from the service start date (whichever is later).
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Revised Funding Commitment Decision Overview Funding Year 2018

Funding Request Number (FRN)	Service Provider Name	Request Type	Revised Committed	Review Status
1899075733	CDW Government LLC	Appeals	\$9,240.00	Denied

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Post Commitment Request Number:	Post Commitment Request Type:	Post Commitment Decision:
126238	Appeals	Denied

FRN:
1899075733

Service Type:
Basic Maintenance of Internal
Connections

Original Status:
Funded
Funded

FCC Form 471: 181039073

Dollars Committed					
Monthly Cost		One-Time Cost			
Months of Service	12				
Total Eligible Recurring Charges	\$0.00	Total Eligible One Time Charges	\$13,200.00		
Total Pre-l	Discount Charges	\$13,200.00			
Discount Rate		70.00%			
Revised Committed Amount		\$9,240.00			

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Revised Funding Commitment Decision Comments:

Post Commitment Rationale:

Our records show that your appeal was filed more than 60 days after the date your decision letter was issued.

The Funding Commitment Decision Letter was issued on 5/4/2018. Your appeal was filed on 10/12/2018. Federal Communications Commission (FCC) rules require appeals to be filed within 60 days of the date on the decision letter being appealed. FCC rules do not permit the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) to consider your appeal.